

Claim 15, line 2, delete "(110)";

line 3, delete "(120)"; and

line 4, delete "(10)".

Claim 16, line 2, delete "(40)";

line 3, delete "(11)"; and

same line, delete "(50)".

Claim 17, line 3, delete "(70)".

Claim 18, line 3, delete "(130)";

line 4, delete "(140)"; and

same line, delete "(10)".

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please delete the abstract in its entirety and insert the following new abstract:

--ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

as Process for manufacturing a composite tape including the steps of bringing together and consolidating a multiplicity of continuous yarns. The yarns are based on a thermoplastic and reinforcing fibres that are entrained and brought together in a parallel manner in the form of a sheet which enters a zone that is heated to a temperature reaching at least the melting point of the thermoplastic and then passes through a rotating impregnation device in order to distribute the molten thermoplastic uniformly and guarantee that the reinforcing fibres are completely impregnated by the latter. The sheet is then introduced into a shaping and centring device so as to obtain a tape formed by bringing the yarns together so as to be touching, thereby creating transverse continuity. The tape is cooled in order to consolidate the yarns by freezing the thermoplastic and its dimensional characteristics and its appearance are set in order to deliver the composite tape.--